



Speech by

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PROSTITUTION LEGISLATION

Mr TURNER (Thuringowa—IND) (6.10 p.m.): I gladly second the motion moved by the member for Gladstone. When the Prostitution Bill was brought before the House, it generated a great deal of debate. In fact, if it had been put to a conscience vote, I believe that the Bill would not have been passed. I am still of the opinion that we will rue the day that this Government put this legislation in place.

The repercussions of the Bill were not properly considered and the Bill was rushed through, ignoring the warnings given by numerous members during their speeches. I am sure that over time more amendments will prove necessary. I have to agree with the member for Gladstone, Liz Cunningham, that all local governments, regardless of their population numbers, should have the same right of refusal of brothels in their local government areas. I failed to see the reasoning behind the inclusion of this clause when the Bill was debated and I still cannot.

Every member of this House should support this amendment in fairness to all members of the community. I support the amendment.
